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Title: METHODS FOR MONITORING
THE STATUS OF ASSAYS AND
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The amendment filed 9-1-03 under the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines¹, published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003 (*Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*, 1267 Off. Gazette 106), does not fully comply with minimal requirements of the voluntary practice. In order for the amendment to be entered, it must either (1) comply with the guidelines of the voluntary revised amendment practice (which practice invokes waivers of certain 37 CFR 1.121(a)-(d) requirements) or (2) comply with current 37 CFR 1.121 requirements.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) IN APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT CAUSES THE AMENDMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT WITH THE VOLUNTARY REVISED AMENDMENT PRACTICE.

- ☒ 1. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present in the amendment paper.
- ☐ 2. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims currently under examination.
- ☐ 3. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
- ☐ 4. Each claim has not been provided with a status identifier, and, as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be determined.
- ☐ 5. Other: _____

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